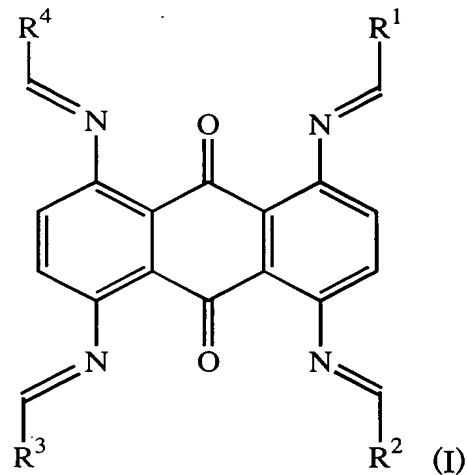


Abstract of the Disclosure

A method for invisibly marking a liquid petroleum hydrocarbon. The method comprises adding to the liquid petroleum hydrocarbon at least one dye having formula (I)

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wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> independently are aryl or aromatic heterocyclic; and wherein the dye has an absorption maximum in the range from 710 nm to 900

10 nm.